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### OHIO STATE REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAM

The Ohio State Regional Medical Program is still in the planning stages. A Program Coordinator has been appointed and an Advisory Group and Planning Committee are organized. The program is currently operating under a grant totalling \$109,417.

Dr. Neil C. Andrews, the Program Coordinator and Assistant Dean of the Ohio State University College of Medicine, and his staff have been concentrating their efforts on (1) informing the medical community and public about Regional Medical Programs and (2) conducting planning and feasibility studies. The latter include a study to evaluate the feasibility of a cancer registry and planning for two-way television system for consultation and education.

Twelve local community planning groups are being developed to assure grassroots participation.

More specific details on the Ohio State Regional Medical Program can be found in the following materials.

OHIO STATE REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAM

REGION Central and Southern 2/3 of Ohio (61 Counties excluding Metropolitan Cincinnati area)

COORDINATING HEADQUARTERS Ohio State University  
College of Medicine

STARTING DATE April 1, 1967

FUNDING

Current Award: \$109,417

Projected Next Year: \$1,400,000

OPERATIONAL STATUS Anticipated in FY 1969

PROGRAM COORDINATOR Dr. Neil C. Andrews  
Assistant Dean

ADVISORY GROUP Chairman: Dr. Richard L. Meiling, Dean  
Membership: 26 (attached) Medical School  
Officials 8, Practicing Physicians 8, Hospital  
Administrators 8, Public Health Officials 2,  
Public Health Officials 2, Voluntary Health 2,  
Members of the Public 3, Dentists 1.

THE REGION

Early in 1966, the Board of Regents of the Ohio State University encouraged the University to propose and develop a Regional Medical Program for the area. The boundaries of the Region have been established but it is anticipated that they will need redefinition as this program and the bordering Regional Medical Programs develop. The Ohio State Regional Medical Program has held discussions with its neighboring Regional Medical Programs, including the Northeast (Cleveland) and the Northwest (Toledo) Ohio Regions, the Ohio Valley Region, (Cincinnati, Kentucky and parts of Indiana), and the Indiana Regional Medical Program.

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

On November 27, 1967 Dr. Neil C. Andrews was officially appointed Program Coordinator. He had been serving as Acting Coordinator for the first seven months of the Program. Two additional full-time staff have been hired and several practicing physicians are serving in a part-time capacity. A core 15-man Planning Committee has been organized with membership drawn primarily from the medical school; additional members have recently been appointed

Three task forces in Cancer, Heart and Stroke have been organized with the Chairman of each coming from the College of Medicine.

The members of the Program are planning that the Program Coordinator's activities will be supported by a functional organization consisting of teams providing specialized skills in heart disease, cancer, stroke and related diseases.

#### INTER-INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Cooperation and communications is an essential element in the success of the program. The Coordinator and his staff have made significant progress in opening channels of communications. They have visited and spoken with many of the county medical societies, voluntary health agencies and hospitals. The Ohio Hospital Association recently distributed to all Ohio Hospital Administrators the Newsletter of the Ohio State RMP encouraging its members to cooperate and become involved in the Program. Task Forces and Conferences are also being utilized to strengthen these relationships.

#### SUBREGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Twelve local community planning groups will assist in identifying local needs and proposing projects to meet these needs. Three have been established to date, chaired by practicing physicians from the local medical societies. These are in: Columbus, Marion, and Gallipolis.

#### PLANNING ACTIVITIES

The initial planning grant application proposed a number of planning studies. These include: (1) a survey of physicians and institutions to assess needs; (2) planning and developing demonstration units, including sophisticated electronic instrumentation for cardiovascular disease and cancer. The units will be used for continuing education of physicians, nurses, and other health personnel. (3) evaluate the feasibility of a cancer registry; (4) study the potential value of a two-way TV system for consultation and education.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PLANNING FOR REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAMS

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